

Annual Report 2023-24

Be The Light Around You





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SEEKH Foundation is an initiative cultivated from the passion, dedication, and commitment of individuals who dream of a world which stands on the pillars of equity, compassion, and sustainability. SEEKH, Strive for Education, Empowerment, Kindness, and Hope, reflects the core values that drive our work. Each word reflects the essence of our mission—to empower communities, promotes kindness, and build a society where hope thrives and collective efforts act as a transformative force. SEEKH Foundation stands as a catalyst for positive change, guided by the belief that collective effort can illuminate even the darkest paths and create a better tomorrow for all, **“Be the light around you”**.

Our journey began when a group of individuals inspired by strength of collective efforts to bring the positive change, founded SEEKH Foundation. What started as a shared vision among peers has grown into a platform addressing systemic inequalities and fostering opportunities for all.

VISION

To create an equitable world by empowering communities where every individual have a dignified life.

MISSION

To empower marginalized communities through transformative learning, promoting self-reliance, and creating pathways for sustainable development.

WHAT WE DO

1. Empowering Communities
2. Access to Quality health and education
3. Environment Sustainability
4. Women and Child Development

Message from the Founder

As I look back on this past year, my heart is full of gratitude. SEEKH Foundation has grown in ways we could only dream of and that's all because of the inspiring people who walk this journey with us. Whether you're a team member, a volunteer, or a supporter cheering us on from a far, your belief in our mission has made a real impact.



Empowering communities has always been at the core of our work. This year, through working with groups, skill-building workshops, awareness campaigns, we've imparted sense of independence, which will make the community more resilient through time.

This journey is just a start, there is much more to achieve—and we can't do it alone. As we move into a new year, I invite you to keep walking with us. Whether you give your time, your ideas, or your support, every bit counts. Together, we can keep building a world that's fairer, kinder, and full of opportunity for all.

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A Year in Review

PROJECTS

Project BUNIYAAD: Empowering Through Education

Project BUNIYAAD, an initiative of SEEKH Foundation, is dedicated to transforming the lives of underprivileged children. By offering consistent educational support and **fostering holistic** development, the project addresses systemic barriers to education and personal growth.

Since its **inception**, the education center under Project BUNIYAAD has become a vital resource for children, creating opportunities for learning, development, and empowerment within a community of nearly **6,000 individuals** facing numerous socio-economic challenges.





Our Objective

To provide marginalized children with quality education, personal development opportunities, and a pathway to a brighter future.

Key Activities and Impact

- **Infrastructural support**

The students of marginalised communities face the issue of infrastructure which hampers their education, SEEKH resource center serves for them as a reading room cum library cum learning center which remains open for 14 hours a day monitored by a resource center guardian. It provides infrastructural support to more than **70 students**.

- **Daily Education Support:**

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1. **What We Do:** Conduct 25 days of focused tutoring sessions every month, covering foundational academic skills and curriculum reinforcement.

2. **Impact:** Improved academic performance for **40-45 children**, fostering confidence and curiosity in learning.

- **Weekly Soft Skills Development:**

1. **What We Do:** Organize engaging activities to build communication, teamwork, and critical thinking abilities.

2. **Impact:** Enhanced personal growth and social skills, equipping children for life beyond academics.



Challenges Addressed

- **Awareness Barriers:** Lack of knowledge about government schemes and resources.
- **Economic Instability:** Parents often unable to afford private tutoring.
- **Educational Gaps:** Limited access to quality education in the community.

By addressing these issues, Project BUNIYAAD has positioned itself as a bridge between marginalized children and opportunities for growth and empowerment.

Project BUNIYAAD Envisions:

- **Sustained Impact:** Maintaining academic and developmental progress for current beneficiaries.
- **Community-Centered Growth:** Expanding services to address evolving community needs.
- **Scaling Operations:** Reaching more underserved communities through similar initiatives.

Monitoring and Accountability

To ensure transparency and track progress, we:

- Conduct regular assessments of children's academic and personal development.
- Gather feedback from parents and community members.
- Share detailed impact reports with stakeholders.

Project BUNIYAAD exemplifies SEEKH Foundation's commitment to bridging the educational and developmental gaps faced by marginalized children. Through structured academic support, soft skills development, and a resource-rich environment, the project empowers young learners to overcome socio-economic barriers. With a strong focus on accountability, community engagement, and future scalability, Project BUNIYAAD is not just transforming individual lives—it is nurturing a generation capable of leading positive change in their communities.

Health Camp



On October 1, 2023, SEEKH Foundation and Jeevan Stambh Foundation collaboratively organised an Eye Specialist Medical Camp, a vital step toward addressing the eye care needs of marginalised communities. Held in collaboration with the Department of Ophthalmology, Hamdard Medical College, Delhi, the camp brought much-needed attention to the vision health of underserved populations.

The camp witnessed participation from **150 individuals**, including men, women, and children, who underwent comprehensive eye examinations conducted by a team of experienced ophthalmologists. Out of these, **65 individuals** were provided with free prescription glasses tailored to their needs, while **47 others** received essential medications for various eye conditions.

For individuals diagnosed with severe or advanced eye diseases, a remarkable gesture of support was extended: free treatment at Hamdard Hospital, ensuring that financial barriers did not hinder their access to quality healthcare.

The event's success was made possible by the dedicated efforts of 10 doctors, 15 volunteers, and the seamless collaboration between SEEKH Foundation and Jeevan Stambh Foundation. Their combined efforts ensured that every individual received the care and attention they deserved.

This initiative stands as a testament to the impact of partnerships and the power of collective action in improving lives. The feedback from beneficiaries has been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing gratitude for the life-changing support they received.

As part of our ongoing commitment to community well-being, this camp reflects our mission to create equitable access to essential services. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the individuals and organizations who contributed to making this event a success. Together, we continue to illuminate lives, one step at a time.

Stationery Distribution Drive



On October 15, 2023, SEEKH Foundation organized a Stationery Distribution Drive at its Community Resource Centre to support the educational needs of children from marginalized communities.

A total of **45 children** received thoughtfully assembled kits containing notebooks, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, and other essential school supplies.

The drive aimed to ease the financial burden on families and ensure that children have the basic tools needed to actively engage in their studies. The joy on the children's faces and the gratitude expressed by parents highlighted the positive impact of this initiative.

This event is part of SEEKH Foundation's continued efforts to promote inclusive, quality education for all. By providing essential learning materials, we aim to empower children to pursue their academic goals with confidence and enthusiasm. With the support of our dedicated team and generous donors, we remain committed to creating opportunities that help every child thrive in a nurturing and resource-rich environment.

“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”

— Walter Cronkite

Exposure Visit to Jamia Millia Islamia



On December 22, 2023, SEEKH Foundation organized an exposure visit to the Engineering Department of Jamia Millia Islamia for 30 students from marginalized communities. This initiative aimed to provide students with an inspiring opportunity to explore innovative ideas and sustainable practices while fostering a passion for learning and higher education.

During the visit, the children were introduced to sustainable and waste-product engineering projects developed by the university's engineering students. These projects showcased creative ways to repurpose waste materials into useful products, offering valuable insights into environmental sustainability and innovation. The interaction with university students allowed SEEKH Foundation's students to engage in meaningful discussions, ask questions, and understand the importance of education in addressing real-world challenges.

The visit not only highlighted the transformative power of education but also motivated the students to dream big and pursue their academic goals with confidence. It was heartening to see their curiosity and excitement as they explored the engineering lab and its projects.

This collaboration between SEEKH Foundation and the Engineering Department of Jamia Millia Islamia reflects our commitment to creating opportunities for marginalized children to gain exposure to new ideas and broaden their horizons. By connecting them with higher educational institutions, we aim to build their confidence and inspire them to envision a brighter future for themselves.

Wall Painting for Girl Child Education



February 28, 2024, SEEKH Foundation, in collaboration with Janman's People Foundation, unveiled a powerful and vibrant mural in the heart of the community to promote girl child education and honor the invaluable contributions of women workers.

This public art initiative aimed to create a visually compelling narrative that celebrates the strength, resilience, and potential of girls and women. The mural features striking imagery of young girls engaged in learning and women at work, symbolizing hope, progress, and empowerment. Positioned in a prominent public space, the mural immediately drew the attention of community members, sparking curiosity and admiration.

This initiative reflects SEEKH Foundation's ongoing commitment to fostering inclusivity, advocating for the rights of girls and women, and strengthening community engagement. By combining art with activism, the organization continues to use creative methods to address social challenges and inspire positive change. The mural stands as a lasting symbol of empowerment and progress, reminding everyone who passes by of the collective responsibility to support, uplift, and invest in the future of girls and women.

Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Session



On March 7, 2024, SEEKH Foundation conducted a Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Session for women and adolescent girls in the community. Led by experienced facilitators, the session aimed to break taboos around menstruation and promote health, dignity, and open dialogue. Through interactive discussions, participants learned about menstrual hygiene, proper sanitation practices, and ways to manage their cycles confidently. Sanitary kits were distributed to **60 attendees**, ensuring access to essential resources.

The session sparked meaningful conversations, with many women expressing their intent to share this knowledge within their families and communities. Personal stories and collective discussions created a safe, empowering space that encouraged learning and solidarity. This initiative reflects SEEKH Foundation's continued commitment to gender equality and health education, working to build a future where women and girls are informed, confident, and supported.

International Women's Day Celebration



SEEKH Foundation celebrated International Women's Day with over **100 community members**, creating a powerful space for empowerment and reflection. The event was honored by the presence of Dr. Neelam Sukhramani, Head of the Department of Social Work at Jamia Millia Islamia, whose inspiring address highlighted the importance of women's rights, education, and leadership. The celebration featured interactive sessions on self-care, gender equality, and community leadership, led by Dr. Sukhramani and other experts.

Women from the community actively participated, sharing their stories, engaging in meaningful discussions, and celebrating their strength through song and solidarity. The event fostered unity, pride, and hope for continued progress in women's empowerment. It reaffirmed SEEKH Foundation's commitment to gender equality and creating spaces where women's voices are uplifted and their potential is celebrated.

INTERNS RECRUITMENT PROGRAM



OUR COLLABORATIONS



VOICES FROM THE GROUND

From the Community Leaders (Jamia Nagar Community)

"SEEKH mein aane ke baad zindagi mein ek naya mod aa gaya hai. Pehle bachhe idhar-udhar bhatak jaate the, lekin ab unke paas ek aisi jagah hai jahan woh har shaam sirf waqt nahi guzarte — woh kuch naya seekhte hain, kuch banne ka sapna dekhte hain."

"Coming to SEEKH has brought a beautiful change in their lives. Earlier, the children would wander around with nowhere to go. But now, every evening, they have a place where they don't just spend time — they learn something new, and begin to dream of becoming something more."

Parents (Jamia Nagar Community)

"Meri do betiyaan hain jo roz SEEKH ke centre jaati hain. Unhein wahan jaana itna pasand hai ki mujhe kabhi kehna bhi nahi padta — jaise hi waqt hota hai, woh khud se taiyaar ho jaati hain aur khushi-khushi nikal padti hain. SEEKH unke liye sirf ek padhne ki jagah nahi hai, balki ek aisi jagah hai jahan unka man lagta hai, unka vikas hota hai."

"I have two daughters who go to the SEEKH center every day. They love going there so much that I don't even have to tell them — as soon as it's time, they get ready on their own and leave with a smile. For them, SEEKH isn't just a place to study; it's a space where they feel happy, where they grow."

Elders of Community (Jamia Nagar Community)

"SEEKH ke aane ke baad se yeh jagah jaise jee uthi hai. Bachhon ki hansii, unka utsaah, unki padhai mein lagan — sab kuch is mahaul ko ek nayi roshni se bhar deta hai. Ab woh apna samay ek aache aur surakshit jagah par bitate hain, jahan unka man bhi lagta hai aur unka bhavishya bhi savarta hai."

"Ever since SEEKH came here, it's as if the place has come to life. The laughter of children, their excitement, their dedication to learning — it has filled the environment with a new kind of energy. Now they spend their time in a safe, inspiring place where their hearts are engaged and their futures are being shaped."

SUMMARY

The year 2024 marked a period of growth, resilience, and deeper impact for SEEKH Foundation. Anchored in our commitment to education, empowerment, and equity, we expanded our reach and deepened our engagement across communities in need. This report reflects the collective effort of our team, volunteers, donors, and partners who believed in the transformative power of grassroots action.

Our initiatives reached hundreds of individuals, offering not just services but dignity and agency.

We also hosted impactful events such as Fundraising Competitions, Independence Day Celebrations, women's day celebration, which fostered a sense of shared purpose while mobilizing essential resources. Through our Intern Recruitment Program, we welcomed passionate young changemakers, nurturing leadership and innovation at the grassroots level.

Strategic collaborations with individuals, organizations, and youth networks amplified our mission, bringing in fresh perspectives and critical support. Voices from our communities reinforced why our work matters—each story a testament to the change we strive to create.

As we reflect on 2024, we are proud of our milestones but remain aware of the road ahead. This annual review is not only an account of our actions but also a call to continue walking alongside us. Together, we can ensure that learning, dignity, and opportunity are rights enjoyed by all—not privileges for a few.



Our Impact

SEEKH Foundation

We believe in creating lasting change by supporting education, health, and community development. Over the past year, our efforts have reached children, women, and families in meaningful ways — from improving access to learning and health care to lighting up communities with solar energy.

150+ Children Supported

Over 150 + children joined our education efforts, learning and growing through fun and supportive activities.

70+ Students Supported

Through our Resource centre under Project Buniyad, 70 children received regular support in reading, writing, and basic subjects. The centre helped them build a strong foundation in their early education and boosted their confidence in learning.

60+ Women Supported

We supported over 60 women by spreading awareness about menstrual hygiene and sanitation. These sessions helped them understand safe practices and take better care of their health.

500+ Households

Installed 10 solar street lights in underserved areas, bringing better lighting and safety to over 500 households. This helped improve mobility at night and created a safer environment for the community.

150+ Beneficiaries

Through our health camps, over 150 people received free medical check-ups and basic healthcare services. These camps helped raise awareness about health issues and made care more accessible to the community.

PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Transparency and Accountability

It informs stakeholders, including donors, partners, beneficiaries, and the general public, about how the foundation has utilized its resources, met its goals, and impacted the community.

Impact Measurement

The report highlights the foundation's accomplishments, such as successful programs, projects, and initiatives, showcasing the positive changes brought about by the foundation's work

Financial Overview

It offers a detailed summary of the foundation's financial health, including income, expenditures, and any significant financial developments, ensuring stakeholders that funds are being managed responsibly

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Donor Engagement and Fundraising:

By illustrating the foundation's achievements, the report strengthens relationships with existing donors and supporters, while also serving as a tool to attract new funding and partnerships for future projects.

Public Relations and Awareness

The annual report acts as a communication tool to build the foundation's public profile, raising awareness about its cause, and promoting its mission to a broader audience.




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